FORTUNE HAS SMILED ON OUR SISTER CITY

Prospects of Year's Prosperity Fully Realized.

ATTRACTIONS TO CAPITAL

Unexcelled Inducements Offered Those Sacking Investment and Homes. Great Shipping Facilities-How the City is Growing.

ByDavid L Pulifam.

At your request I have prepared this communication relative to the city of Manchester, her situation, resources and gen-

to offer the thinking and discerning, and which are grounded upon truth and real foundations of material growth and substance, which have increased from year to year, and which present a bright futire for our city. If we can but open the eyes of the investor to their value and the eyes of the investor to their value and future possibilities, we can point him to what must present a most desirable and profitable tied for business and investment, which, if cultivated, will benefit him while it benefits us. Will the man who has the means t olivest; will the tunivacturer who wants a good site and practically an exemption from city taxes; will the workingmen who wants a good home excessive to streat cars and thence home, accessible to street cars and thence to his work, in a respectable and cen-tral neighborhood, and at fair rates, either of rental or purchase, study our condi-tions, our situation, our great railroad facilities and residental advantages? if he does, then we are content, because if he can be convinced, we seel sausited that it presents facts that will lead him to investigation, and investigation will lead to the development of the most profimble fleids of investment and fiving to him. We ask and urge careful investi-gation and then conviction must follow. ADMIRABLE LOCATION.

Manchester is admirably located on the western side of the James River, opposite beautiful and prosperous Riemmona; in fact, geographically in the very heart and center of that city a iniriy wendrawn map would present the bare details end outlines of Manchester and her environs, including beautiful Forest Hid Park and Woomand neights, with their sylvan attractions and beauties; and deinstrates that even these outlying adnonstrates that even these outlying adjuncts to this city are as near the "Custom House," in Edenmond, as Chimborazo Park and the Lee Monument. But the lovely panorama of town, woodland and Eclu, which make up the real picture, that has so much changed since the time that william wirt so enthusiastically describe, the exquisite landscape in the "Britis." would not be seen on this outline presentment, and ca nonly be appreciated valued gazed upon from some eminence in the bothnance and greenness of its summer to the contract.

There are fine street-car lines in this city, whose service has been quickened and renoured more efficient during the last year, the Passenger and Power Company having reliabilitated its lines here. These considerations put Manchester in the very heart of Richmond. Therefore if Rich mond succeeds Manchester is bound to succeed. These relectors are made to Richmond in the view that the two cities are closely connected, and what benefit the people of the one must benefit the people of the other, as we are practically one people and one community; and by thus localizing our city we present mos-clearly her geographical situs, an her environments, and advantageous surroundings. The Richmond and Petersburg Electric Railway was comcommenced operation the 15th day of February last, and has proved to be a great success. It is eplendidly bulk and equipped, and afford.

a quick and convenient means of transit and communication between the cities of Manchester and Petersburg, and the in ter-adjacent territo.y of the county o Chesterneld. It is destined to be of in calculable benefit to this community, and will, doubtless, prove a fine feeder to

Manchester's trade and general business prosperity. It is but left to the Manches people and me chants to take advant age of the excellent opportunities here offered to increase and maintain enlarge trade and commercial activity. Thes energetic merchants and business men to our community, as well as person eeking beautiful and healthful sites to WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

A syllabs of data will snow tha Manchester has done in the past and the inducements she has to offer at presen and in the future. The city has an esti-mated population within her corporate limits of about thirteen thousand peo ple, and there are about six thousan just outside the co-poration. She ha traversing her domain three street-car lines, which connect her with all part of Richmond on the most favorable co ditions of trans.er, which during this year have been augmented. As stated she has been connected with Petersbur, by a splendid electric railway, which also connects her with a large portion o Chesterfield county, which connection mean much for her future growth an influence. She has the finest railway an transportation facilities of any city that we can recall—being in close and econon ical contact, as far as her business, man nfacturing and commercial interests ar concerned, with the great railway sys-tems of the Atlantic Coast Line, th Southern Railway and the Scaboard Al Line, and the steamboat companies of the James River. These railways traversin her own territory and the territory of the county of Chesterfield, contiguous to he limits, afford splendid facilities for trans portation and intercourse, and from th rituation of these lines and their lengt in the city and county, together wit their proximity to business centers, an especially to Richmond, present almost especially to Richmond, present almo-unlimited sites of great excellence an suitability for all kinds of manufacturin enterprises and general bus ness. Border ing the James River for at least tw miles, the city possesses the most mag nificent water power which will most fa-vorably compare with that of any other spot in this country, as well as fine har-bor facilities in that part of the cit opposite the wharves of Richmond, the water in the river at this location on he side thereof he may and the fore from side thereof being deep and free fro-obstructions. As demonstrated by the United States engineers in the numerouor a g.eat inland basin to be used by

the government in time of war. In fact, there is no city more blessed with the locations for manufactories of all kinds than Manchester, in view of these most favorable conditions, and the cheapless of lands, which for miles bound these tallway and the river. INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS.

The city has a fine and adequate sew-erage system, which is gradually being but into operation, and which has become a source of considerable income to the city, and whic. will enable the city, in city, and which will change the city, in connection with the income from the water-works, which branch of the cor-poration property, owned and operated by the city, is now becoming a source of revenue, to lower her tax-rate. These water-works are in most excellent conwater-works are in most extended con-dition, and are year by year becoming more useful and profitable. They are weil-managed, and when a proper system of clarineation of the water is installed, which is now being urged before the Council, will become one of the most potent factors in Manchester's municipal

As predicted in the letter, published in your use New Year's issue, manchester tarted into the year 1922 with a renewed like of growth and prosperity. With the other cities of the State, except where they have been pressed with peculiar incentives of business activity and commercial impulse, she had tell the depressing effective so the stringency in the money market and the apparent dishibitional of the most effective service. The fire-plugs throw the water as far and with as much effectiveness as large steam engines, the meanagement of the management of the most economical, is one of the most economical, is one of the most effective and viginant, and render the management of the most economical, is one of the most effective and viginant, and render the management of the most economical, is one of the most effective and viginant, and render the most effective service. The fire-plugs throw the water as far and with as much effectiveness as large steam engines, the management of the most economical, is one of the most effective and viginant, and render the most effective service. market, and the spracent dishibition of monied men to open in real estate incident to the unparatieled speculations in stocks of an kinus. Being a community white ocalings of this character are limpracticable, our people have not enjoyed the immense profits which have sprang from such transactions. We had and have things more substantial and solid to offer the thinking and discerning, and the contemplation, and which, doubting the proposed of the contemplation and which doubting the proposed of the contemplation and the c miprovements which the city authorities have in contemplation, and which, doubtlies, will soon be made, our fire department will be most efficient, thus giving the city increased protection and its property owners additional security.

MORTALITY RATE LOW.

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The health of the city has been and is most encouraging. In fact, the rate of mortality has always been low, and is still being reduced. The Health Department of the city in the control of the city of ment is alive to the work in hand, and is progressive and energetic. The good or-der and exemption from crime of the city are proverbial. We have been heretofore and are now blessed with a constructive, moral, o.derly and decent population. and are now olessed with a constitute, moral, o.derly and decent population. The police force is alert and capable. We need more men on the force, it is true, but that demand will soon be supplied. The finances of the city are in a most excellent condition. They are will and cautiously managed. The Council has found the way clear to reduce the rate of taxes. Our tax-rate is: City taxes, \$1,10-100; school tax, 20c.; sewer tax, 20c.; State tax, 40c.; making a total of \$1,20-100 on the one hundred dol ars. Now this, compared with the tax-rate of Richmond's slightly in favor of Manchester, as Richmond's tax rate is \$1,80-100 on the hundred dollars, not including the sewer tax in force there, which more than makes up the difference of ten cents above appearing. To accentuate the difference in Manchester's factor, should be remembered that the assessments in this city are lower than they are in Richmond, which makes the taxes still less to the same class of pronond, which makes the taxes still less

hond, which makes the takes still lead to here in ratio to the same class of property in that city.

These things are stated in the way of business comparison and illustration and as indicative of our presperous condition. as indicative of our presents countries in this regard, and the prospects for reduction in the future. But this tax-tate t is hoped and believed, we can again reduce as soon as our water and sew-trage connections are fully established and enforced. The streets and side-walks tre gradually being improved, many of hem having had permanent improve-nents put upon them within the last year, and there are now measures on foot o devise and execute more general and persistent efforts in this important marer. It is thought that the side-waked in the made of granolithic, in combination with turfing on each side of the made of the major of nation with turning on each side of the ralk, thus offering a pleasing contrast and a green freshness, so necessary and elightful. The permanent improvements are been brought about by a wise policy and administration on the part of the treet Committee of the City Council. thich seemed resolved to abandon tem rhich seemed resolved to abandon tem-orary expedients, and the future im-provement of the streets and side-walks vill be, it is believed, along different lines from those pursued in the past. A lan is on hand to raise shade-trees, and urnish them to the owners of properly o plant on the streets in front of their test. This will prove a popular move on ots. This will prove a popular move on the part of the Council, and will great-

y tend to beautify and improve the city.

EXCELLENT SCHOOLS.

We observe that the educators of the tate are more thoroughly aroused as to he importance of progressive and ad-anced educational facilities and m.tho.s han ever before. This is indicated in any ways—in the more general discus-ion of educational matters the selection f active and skillful teachers, the alor on of the most carefully prepared and f more work in the schools in a give me, the enrichment of school cowsesom the primary to the high schools om the primary to the high schools— ith things that are practical as we is ornamental, the advancement of high phools, and the insistence of the local pards in pressing for more money to teet the needs of the schools. These tally important matters are gradualy ecoming the work of thinking and ex-erienced men, who have the system eeply at heart and are willing to think. eed, and work. Notably, are these ings true of the growing cities of Vi Inia. This great movement is marked i them by the erection of more and etter built and better equipped school buses, the selection of the best teachers. to extension of school courses, the ricter enforcement of discipline, the in usion in the various grades of instruction, of the laws of health the riles of morality and good conduct, the study t morality and good conduct, the study of civics, nature study, drawing, music hysical exercises, book-keeping, cook-g, clay-modelling, and manual training and many other useful things, which being faught from the lowest to the

ghest grades. The larger number of children who at-nd school leave permanently when bout fourteen years of age, and go to the world totally unfit to meet it quirements in information, moral rength and aptitude for work. This ractical teaching in the lower grades nds to lessen these defects and disad antages and gives e-uren from the me they enter un'il they leave school ich training as will best inure to their elfare, so it matters not when they are school, they always carry with hem some training in and knowledge of tese practical, necessary things, that we strength in virtue and aptness in ork. Under the present system in thi tate (and it is a very prevalent condion, we must admit), the children are ainly trained to some extent in mer incational matters, but they have vir-ally no training in these essential hings of every-day living and work he object of the new movement is i eet these demands and 'o make teach g, while strongly educative, also con ucive to the formation and strength ning of character, the building up an reservation of health, and the practical pplication of knowledge to the need file; so as to more completely fithildren leaving our schools for the fitter nd exactions of healthy, virile, intelli

ent and useful citizens.

IMPROVE THE COURSE.

The school authorities of this city ave made a decided advance in this di-

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them in a large degree efficient, considering our means and facilities, they deem it only a good beginning in what should be done in these newer and more progressive things for the greater advancement of our schools. There is a general recognition that the public schools of the city are admirably conducted and are forceful and efficient. The teachers are capable and progressive, the course of his ruction accordant with the best methods and systems of modern public schools, the buildings and equipments excellent, and the results most satisfactory, as far as they supply our needs. All are more and more impressed with the truth that good more impressed with the truth that good schools add much to the advantages of a city, and we feel assured that our most excellent system of public instruction is a most attractive and potent element in our city's life and growth. There is a movement on foot to erect a fine high school building in the city. The Council has indicated its purross and desire to assist the school authorities in this most desirable improvement, and to des're to assist the school authorities in this most desirable improvement, and to grant the use of the beautiful lot at 'he corner of Bainbridge and Eleventh Streets for the purpose. The erection of this building will greatly stimulate the educational enthusiasm of our recple and aid the progressive measures contemplated to bring our schools to the greatest degree of excellence.

At present Manchester is blessed with and bypeffied by a most prosperors and Merchants'. From its beginning to this date its presence in our city has been beneficial, and strengthening to all. Unter the conduct of its most capable and courteous cashier. Mr. J. H. Pattesmand the visilant and active directory, this worthy institution has prospered and

worthy institution has prospered and grown in influence and popularity, on it is to-day the most potential factor in our business and commercial life and is destined to be of greater service and is destined to be of greater service and influence in the future. We are glad to congratulate it upon a year of almost unexampled prosperity and usefulness, just closed with profit and success. But we are glad to state as indicative of Manchester's growth and increasing commercial importance that she is soon to uploy the advantages and benefits derivable from a National Bank. Under the active direction and efforts of Mr. Clarance Vaden, one of our most progressive once Vaden, one of our most progressie and energetic young business men, this important acquisition to our commercial and business life is to be instituted about the 15th day of January, 1s.d. I's capitally he 15th day of January, 18-3. I's capital stock will be from \$50,000 to \$20,000. The prospective officers of this new institution are: A. D. Shotwell, President; Tarence Vaden, Vice-President; Directors R. A. Bowen, R. C. Broaddus, W. I. Carter, E. H. Wells, S. R. Brame, and Kenneth Smith. The ushering in of the New Year by the organization of this bank fittingly libustrates the increasing prosperity of our city. Banks add very such to the commercial power and inruch to the commercial power and in-lience of a community, and can be of creat assistance in the development and progress of business of all kirds. We kel assured that with two fine and casably-managed banking institutions the rowth and wealth of our city will be agmented and accelerated.

GAS PLANT IN FAVOR.
About three years ago the Manchester ight and Power Company obtained a harter and franchise from the City council, its business being to sup-ly gas to its customers. This company has pres ered, and is gradually becoming a favore irstitution in the city. The gas furished is most excellent, and gives a ght of brilliance and stendiness which ttracts much attention and appreciative comment. This company is prepared to irriish gas to all, and, what is the most commendable, to furnish it at chearates, so that it is within the reach of

Il who are willing to make an effort to made decided improvements during the oust year. Manchester is notably bless al, considering its advantages, with ex-ellent church edifices. There are sixten hurch buildings in the city-ten white and six colored. No more bequiful structures than the Central Methodis', corner of Porter and Thirteenth Streets; the Presbyterian corner of Porter and Fenth Streets, and the Catholic Church former of Perry and Fourteenth Streets, ire found in any save the large cities. The other church buildings are credirable, and, in most instances, very et-ractive and commodious. The Ban'ist Thurch, corner of Eleventh and Fa'n-Streets, has been remodelled and endered very commodious and attrac-

difices in the city. The interior is very and its splendid lighting equipment harks a most decided improvement. The narks a most decided improvement. The ongregation of Central Methodist is execting to soon get into the splend duditorium of their handsome edice. his is a large and beautiful room, and, when furnished and decorated, will pre-

ent a fine picture.

The good work of teaching and preaching the Word of God is sedulously cared on in all of these sanctuaries, and he religious life of the city is t has been in the years past, active and influential in its blending with the collar existence of this ancient municipality. ality.

FOR CITY'S BETTERMENT.

You's Association

The Business Men's Association is one f the most active and potent agencies a the city's existence for her upbuilding the city's existence for her upbuilding. nd enterprise. This association is com osed of about one hundred and sev osed of about one hundred and seventy-ve members, drawn from some of the lost thoughtful and influential business en in the city. The present officers of he association are: D. L. Pulliam, preslent; A. L. Adamson, vice-president; l'arence Vaden, secretary; W. H. Wash-ngton, treasurer; John S. Alvis, sergeantt-arms; Executive Committee, David L. 'ulliam. H. C. Beattie, Dr. Wm. P. Iathews. Augustine Royall, Julian C. nellings. M. A. Campbell, A. J. Daffron nd E. H. Wells.

Manchester has many most prosperous usiness and manufacturing establishments. Among the most prominent of hese are: Three tanneries. A. D. Shotvell & Co., B. D. Chalkley & Co., and bostructions. As demonstrated by the United States angineers in the numerous are made a decided advances in this city and return by sea via Merchanics and return by

the Chester Stove and Plow Works, the Manchester Paper Twine Co., Woodward & Sons Wood Work Co., the Southern & Sons Wood Work Co.. the Southern Shops, the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., the James River Furniture and Mattress Co., Alleghany Box Factory, the Electrical Machine Co., the Stephen Putney Shoe Company, the Eureka Furniture Co., the Manchester Shirt Factory, the Manchester Trunk Factory, the Standard Oil Co., Geo. E. Redford Brick Co., Davis Brick Co., the Harrison and Green Brick Co., the Rady Brick Co., W. E. Glil & Bro. Brick Co., Manchester Feed Milis, the Standard Paper Manufacturing Co., the American Bridge Co., John A. Waters & Co.'s Machine Manufacturers, the Manchester Furniture Co., and the Manchester Furniture Co., and the Manchester Bag Co. There is to be established here, in the near future, a large knitting mill and an excelsior factory, which will add to our increasing tory, which will add to our increasing list of manufacturing enterprises. Gradually the advantages of our city as a manufacturing center are being appreciated and utilized. All of these establishments lishments have done a prosperous and enlarged business during the past year, and have increased their force and output.

ALL ARE EMPLOYED.

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The people of this city have generally found employment during the past year. But few idle men are seen on the streets. The demand for hands has been great in Richmond and in this city. A great many people have come to this city to reside. Hundreds have been compelled to seek homes in Richmond and the surrounding country because the houses in Manchester are all occupied. It is conservatively estimated that at least from 40) to 500 new houses could be rented here in the next few months. If built to meet the demand, which is for houses with modern conveniences and improvements at ern conveniences and improvements at reasonable profitable rentals. The out-look for real estate is very encouraging, owing to the numerous enquiries made concerning that class of property and the many sales made during last year. A large number of houses have been built recently, but the demand is nothing like supplied. There is a most excellent chance afforded to investors to build here and obtain remunerative rents, as rents have increased and are still increasing. The Southern Shops have been in some departments, enlarged, necessitating the employment of a larger number of men. The other manufacturing plants have in many instances increased their output and forces. A fine building to be used for hotes. A fine obliding to be used for hotel and restaurant purposes is being erected by Mr. W. J. Dobbins at the corner of Hull and Seventh Streets, which supplies a much needed enterprise in that part of the city. The splendid store-building of Mr. H. V. Baldwin, on Hull Street, in which he proposes the establishment of a large and up-to-date department store, where all manner of goods, articles, etc., may be purchased, signalizes a commercial spirit and ambition that is worthy of emulation. Many improvements have been made by our worthy townsman; Mr. H. C. Beattle, in his handsome and commodious stores, which emphasize the advance and extension of his business enterprises.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVE.

We would accentuate in connection with for hotel and restaurant purposes is being

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the increased interest in real estate and
the active establishment of manufacturing and mercantile plants and business. ing and mercanthe plants and obsiness, the low rates of taxation, as they affect such plants and business, prevailing under the ordinances of this city. The rate of taxes in this city applied there is a graduated one, and is based upon the business done and not the specific capital invested. Permit me to illustrate Richmond (and I select Richmond because nore accessible and familiar) imposes more accessible and familiar) imposes a tax upon the capital invested in manu-facturing business or wholesale mercan-tile business. Assume that \$150,000 are pur in the businesses in Richmond, the taxes would amount to \$210. In Manchester, 1 150,000 of business were done in a year the taxes would amount to \$175, a cler, saving of \$35. The same ratio would ob rain as to all amounts. Again, a lot in Richmond for such amanufacturing or mercantile business, unless it were in a listant or inaccessible part of that city vould cost from five to ten times as nuch as a centrally located and access sible lot, situated upon a railroad, suit-ible to such business, would, in Mancheser and this lot in Manchester, would tractically be in the heart of the busi-tiess part of Richmond, with fine street-ar and telephone facilities to augment is suitableness and accessibility. Are these not advantages too plain to be an onger ignored? Should not this light be set upon a high hill and not hid under thushel? We would invite verification of ur statements, so that the manifest ad antages of this city as amanufacturing and wholesale business location, may be nown to all. Many merchants and manracturers have found it out and have ocated here. We instance a few of them "." S. Donnan Hardware Co., Stepher Putney Saoe Co., Virginia-Carolina Chemeal Co., the Electrical Machine Works he Richmond Wood Working Co., and he Johnson Axle Foundry,

We should recognize that we are living n a great community. When we consider he extended and extending territory of Manchester and Richmond, the many ad-antiases springing up and flourishing tround us, the broadening influence and ower of our community the deman or labor and especially for labor of a ligher grade, the countless favorable atural and physical conditions with which we are blessed and the bright augries for the future that great us every hand, we should take heart grace and courage, and do all we o advance and prosper along all lines of indeavor and enterprise. This great community with all of its resources, ad cantages and possibilities, should be onn interest, in sympathy, in purpose and n achievement. We have made mistakes n the past, while we have had a measure of prosperous life and action. We should turn from the evidences of our defeat and sorrows to the happiness of a renewed prosperity. Let us have "a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together," and the beneficent and potent results will be felt and enjoyed in this year of our Lord. 903 and those that may come to our peo ple in the days 'hat are in God's keeping.

U. S. SHIPBUILDING PROFITS

First Statement of New Shipbuildin, Company Shows Increase.

The United States Shipbuilding Compar has med with the New York Stock exchange, with its application to list its securities, a statement of its carnings for the quarter enough November with, and, telng the first three months of its

The showing made is surprisingly good and coming, as it does in a regular, business-lee way, is crear evidence of the intention of the management to make public its carnings and operations at regular intention. ular intervals. In this they follow the example set by the United States Steel Corporation, and which has been looked upon as the proper and consistent method of dealing with large industrial organiza

statement of earnings as given is as follows: -Net eatnings for quarter ending No-

vember 30th, 1902, of United States Ship-building Company and its constituent companies, including Betalehem Steel Company: Carnings

Deduct: Reserve on estimate profits on contract work in shipbuilding construction. \$ 74.128.04 Accrued Interest and sinking fund payment on ell United States Shipbuild-ing Company's

bonds for quarter, 371 676.67

ships, sometimes for a year or more the current earnings and profits are estimated upon actual cost and ascertained profit. There is always a contingency of some possible loss by delay, change or detect, which should be provided for, in giving the estimated profits, and it is giving the estimated profits, and it is pleasant to note that the Shipbuilding Company has adopted a policy of liberal reserve in that respect. It will be further seen that the reserve only apples to the profits and earnings of the Saipbuilding Company, and has no reference to the earnings of the Bethlehem Steel Company, which are actual and fixed, and not subject to estimate.

pany, which are actual and fixed, and not subject to estimate.

The surplus net earnings of \$637.217.51 for the first quarter are equivalent to a basis of six per cent. on the preferred and over seven per cent. on the common stock, after paying and providing for all interest charges of every kind, including sinking fund provisions, and including 5.5 interest charges on account of the un-

sinking fund provisions and including all interest charges on account of the underlying mortgage obligations of the Bethlehem Steel Company.

The United States Shipbuilding Company owns and controls the capital stock and plants of the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, Cal.; Bath Iron Works, Limited, Bath, Maine; Hyde Windlass Company, Bath, Mane; Crescent Shippard Company and the Samuel L. Moore & Sons Company, Elizabeth, N. J.; Eastern Shipbuilding Company, New London, Ctnn.; Harlan & Hollingsworth Company, Wilmington, Del.; Canda Manufacturing Wilmington, Del.; Canda Manufacturing Company, Carteret, N. J., and the Beth-lehem Steel Company. The plants of these various properties cover over 400 acres of ground, and employ over fifteen

these various properties cover over 400 acres of ground, and employ over fifteen thousand men.

The company has increased its contracts since its organization, and now has unfinished work under contract aggregating over \$31,000,000.

From an industrial standpoint the company is destined to be one of the most important and successful organizations in this country. It is under the able management of Mr. Lewis Nixon, president whose knowledge of everything apperiating to shipbuilding and equipment is well known. The Bethlehem Steel Company's organization is one of exceptional strength, and its president. Mr. E. M. McIlvain has, since his incumbency of that position, demonstrated the sylend'd capacity of the plant and its continued growth in the future.

Financially speaking, the results already snown demonstrate its success in that resard, and the policy now purered is a clear assurance to all the holders of the securities of that company that its resources are being well bushanded and reserved to keep the property itself intrinsically sound and in due course yield to the shartholders profitable returns upon their investment.

For the United States Stabuilding Company is predicted a continued success and the confidence and esteem of all interested therein.

interested therein.

POSTAL RECFIPTS LARGE

crea e in All Departments, Especially M wsnapr Pretige.

The receipts of the Richmond postoffice. Wray T. Knight, postmaster, for the year ending December 31st, will round up \$333,-.86, 20, an increase of \$38, 459.05 or 13 per ent, over the preceding year. Newspaper and periodical postage for the year aunts to \$14,922.33, an increase of

2,403.13 or 19 per cent. over the proceeding Special request envelopes orders aggre-

rate \$27.182.58, an increase of \$6.030.32 or 2- per cent, over the preceding year. The following figures are interesting: Receipts for the year 1897, \$217.996.23. Receipts for the year 1898, \$244, \$81.790r

Receipts for the year 1899, \$24',213.24, or

Receipts for the year 1990, \$271,109.23, or Receipts for the year 1901, \$294,827.24, or

per cent increase. Receipts for the year 1902, \$333,285.29, or 3 per cent_increase

An increase in five years of \$115,290,06

An increase in five years of \$115,290,66, or \$50 per cent.

Amount remitted to the United States Treasurer over the amount paid out for lerks, carriers, postal clerks, special delivery boys, janitors and miscellaneous expenses was \$174,693,36.

Amount received from fourth-class post-offices deposited at this office was \$39,-513.71 part included in the genera receipts.

54.71, not incuded in the genera receipts PIECES OF MAIL HANDLED.

The number of pieces of mail dispatched from the main office and Stations A

ind B was first-class, 29,484,147, against 7.719.034, or an increase of 1.883,113 over the receding year. All other classes, 12.631,800 against 11. 7.670, an increase of 1.404,150 over the pre-

special delivery, 22,614 against 17,553, or increase of 5,061 over the preceding

Total number of pieces of all classes of nall, 42,138,161 against 38,844,237, or an in-rease of 3,292,324 over the preceding year. Money orders issued year 1902, 20,800,

Money orders issued year 1902, 20.820, 1901nst year 1901, 20.716; amount in money for year 1902, 3209.050, against for year 1901, 31.198.650, an increase of 5 per cent. were the preceding year.

Money orders paid year 1902, 113.852 against year 1901, 104.427; amount in money for year 1902, \$782.100 against year 1901, 175.570, an increase of 8 per cent, over the preceding year. preer ling year.

Amount deposited at this office received rom other money order offices year year 9°C, 632.903 against year 1991, \$570.948. Number of registered letters and parels delivered year 1902, 126,090, against for vesr 1901, 109,614, an increase of 15 per

cent. Number received for transmission year 1902, 56,607 against for year 1901, 48,780, an increase of 15 per cent, for the preceding vear.

WO.K OF THE POLICE Arrests for the Y ar Average Five Hun-

dred Per Month. The record of the Police Department

shows 6.002 arrests during the year. l'hese were divided as follows: Ordinance violations, 4,192; misdemean-

ors, 5,091; relontes, avi; miscellaneous reerts, 1,154. The police force consists of one hundred and one oncers and men, assigned

s follows:
Ponce Headquarters-Major B. F. Howard, Chief; George E. Poliock, clerk!
Captain A. M. Temlinson, chief of detectives, and Serg.a.its C. A. G.bson, T.
J. Wren and John T. Hall. Logari S.
Rebins, special duty.

First Poice Station-Captain J. F. Shinberger; Sergeants G. H. Matthews, J. P. Jefer, J. A. Otey and J. H. Kerse, and wenty-six patrolmen.

Second Police Station-Captain E. P.

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Brooks, F. C. twenty-six patrolmen.

Hulce; Sergeants R. J. Brooks, F. C. Balley, C. H. Tal ey and R. B. Sowen, and twenty-six patrolmen. Third Police Station—Captain W. B. Whitlock; Sergeants G. W. Epps, W. J. Orange, W. A. Barfoot and S. W. Holdcieft, and twenty-six patrolmen.

Crier of Police Court—Sirgeant R. N.

homas. Sanitary Officers-Z. G. Lamkin, W. A.

Shields, J. J. Walton and A. Burnett. Changes in force during the year-Dis-Changes in force during the year-Discharged, 1; resigned, 3; promoted, 3; retired, 3; died, 1; appointed, 9.

The police force is appointed by the Board of Police Commissioners, consisting of Hon. R. M. Taylor, Mayor, president and the following members: A. D. Landerkin, J. B. Welsh, C. Marning, Jr., Thomas Whittet, C. G. Bosher, J. F. Bacoh and D. E. McCarloy, E. B. White

soob and D. F. McCarthy. E. B. White,

CHARGED WITH RIFLING

Begin the New Year Right

New Mixed Nuts.

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and save money on your groceries.

Yew Mixed Nuts, 11c	White A Sugar, 6 pounds for
rench Candy,	fr. one-pound packages 10c
hristmas Mixed Candy, 8c	New Cleaned Currants, in one-pound packages 8c
ew Dates. 5c	New Citron, Orange or Lem- 121/2C
papers 6c	per lb., or 3 lbs. for \$1.00
pound 10c	pound Ordova Coffee, 91/30
few Layer Figs, in one-pound 10c lackages	monds, 18c, or three pounds. 50c
for	Best Quality Pecans, pound 121/30
ssorted Caramels, 9c, or three 25c pounds for	pound: 121/2C
Il Cream French Candy, 9c, or 25c three pounds for	aozen 25c
weet Florida Oranges. 15c	New, Large, Milky Coccanuts, 4C
weet Large Florida Oranges. 30c dozen 20c. 25c and	Garolina Rice, € pounds for
in quart bottles, per bottle 80c	Chalmer's Gelatine, two packages for
Wine, put up in quart bottles, 35c	National Gelatine, 40, or seven prelanges for 250
New Home Made Mince Meat. 6C	Duffy's Malt Whiskey, 85c
cor three quarts for	Jelly Rolls, per pound
pound 9c ol Oyster Crackers, 6c per pound 6c	Black Eye Peas, 6c
per pound	per gallon 25C
tew Lemons, per dozen	Whole Sweet Pickles, 10c per quart 10c Plackberry or Catawba Wine, 10c
per cake9c	New Dried Apricots, Nectar-25C ir es. Peaches, 9c, or 3 lbs 25C
4c. or seven pounds for25c	Sugar Corn. Te, or four cans for 25c
1-pound rolls	pound 15c
moked, Fresh or Corned Calf- fornia Hams, pound	round 9c
test City Meal, peck	per gallon 20c
the packages tot	market, \$4.10 per bbl : per bar 27c
barrel, \$3.90; per bag 25c	Malta Vita or Tryabita. 25c
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Larre bott'es Household Ammoria, per bott'e..... Large bars Sond Soap, two bars for Boneless Codfish, per pound.....

Store, 1820-1822 East Main S'reet. New Phone, 509: Old Phone, 316. Up-Town Store, 503 East Marshall Street Old and New Phones, 34. Manchester Store, 12/2-1214 Hull Street.

WINNERS IN THE SUNDAY TIMES WANT COLUMNS PROVERB CONTEST

Another Contest To-day-Seven Prizes-See Want

"Necessity is the mother of invention"
was the proverb used in last Sunday
Times Want Columns. The seven prizes
Times Want Columns was the prize of the seven prizes of the seven prizes

were awarded in the following order:
First prize, \$2 order. Miss Cassle Ware,
No. 219 East Clay Street, city.
Second prize, \$1 order, Miss Virginia
Jeffs, Chester, Va.
Third prize, \$50 order, F. D. Mishle.
Correct answers were also coving the control of the con

effs, Chester, Va.

Third prize, 50c. order, E. D. Michie. Correct answers were also recent the following named contestants: Lindsay, Va.

Charles Laurens.

RICHMOND, VA.

Raleigh D. Glass.
Mrs. Mary Wilson,
Miss N. De Haven.
E. C. Hartsook.
R. N. Anderson,
Wart Anderson E. C. Hartsook.
Miss M. Wingfield,
A. McWilliams,
Mary Pugh,
A. D. Luck. Frank Buford, Mrs. B. W. W Ison, Mrs. M. W. Glass, Miss N. L. Brown.
Mrs. W. L. B. f.rd.
Miss K. Buford.
Miss L. V. King.
Mrs. W. L. Preston Mrs. H. R. Dyson, Valentine Brown, Mattie S. Slater, D. R. Johnston,

M. E. Turner, Emile Marriott, Miss L. Woodson, Juliet Anderson, B. W. Wilson, Jr., Herbert Goodrich. Miss Preston

John Ware, Miss I. F Wells E. P. Mann, R. L. Milhan, Miss M. O'Hara. PETERSBURG, VA.

M. B. T., Mary Taylor, L. R. Powell, Margaret Morrison, J. O. Vaushan,

Milton A. Marks. Ethel Matteson. B. G. Strachan.

Correct answers were also received from

Mrs. T. R. Dunn,
Mrs. E. E. Hinckle,
R. S. Goodwyn
Robert R. Rainey.

H. R. Goodwyne,
R. A. Plummer,
J. H. Gregory. ASHLAND, VA.

Miss A. D. Kerr MILBORO, VA. Mrs. A. L. Tullah. PACES, VA. Miss P. E. Vaughan, Mrs. M. Vaughan, Miss Kill Vaughan. BECK VA.

BECK VA.
W. H. Vaughan.
CI I TO FORGE. VA.
Miss L. J. Bowles, Mrs. M. H. Early,
Mrs. N. Merriman, Mrs. A. O. Luther,

RICE, VA. Mrs. A. F. Vaughan.

Another proverb (composed of twenty six letters) will be found scattered throughout the Want Columns. So en prizes will be awarded the winners. See want pages, find the letters and then I form the proverb. What is it?

New Year's Gifts.

Did you overlook some friend or 'oved one Chri tmas? Then it is not too late, for a New Year's gift will be very acceptable! The Xmas trade was a heavy drain upon our stock, but new

goods are daily coming in to take place of those sold-to you will have no trouble to select a suitable New Year gift, elaborate or inexpensive.



night by a United States deputy marshal | country will held a convention here Jannight by a United States deputy marshal on a charge of rifling a mall sack.

The men admit the crime but insist through interpreters that they were nor aware they were breasting the law. A mail sack was found by them on the depot platform at Osaur, a station near Decatur. They cut the leather open and used the papers letters and other contents to build a fire, by which they kept warm during a cold night.

PLANS ON FOOTTO

fighting the so-called tobacco trust. The plan is to form a national association with headquarters in Chicago.

The convention is expected to make a close combination with the trade uni rain particular the Cigar Makers' and To-bacco Workers' Unions.

uary 13th to discuss ways and means of

WELIGHIFUL VA ATION TRIPS.